In the case of Scheduled Tribes, however, there is no reference to religion and hence a member of Scheduled Tribe may profess any religion.

Ban on production of Kesari Dal

407. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban production of Kesari Dal in the country; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The production and sale of Kesari Dal is being discouraged by the Government. The following steps have been taken in this regard:

(i) Cultivation of kesari dal is banned in Uttar Pradesh. The States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have taken steps to replace its cultivation with other suitable pulse or oilseed crops.

(ii) The State Governments have been advised to cultivate low neurotoxin varieties of kesari dal in the kesari growing belts.

(iii) The State Governments have been advised to educate the consumers on the harmful effects of kesari dal for removing the neurotoxin before consumption by the methods available.

(iv) The sale of kesari dal and its products of mixture of kesari dal with other dals or for use as an ingredient for preparation of any article of food is prohibited under the P.F.A. Rules, 1955 (Rule. 44A).

(v) The State Governments have been requested to ban the sale of kesari dal. All States exceepting the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have banned its sale.

Allotment of Rice to Tamil Nadu

408. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governor of Tamil Nadu has approached the Central Government in June, 1988 to raise the monthly quota of rice for the coming months of the year of 1988; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken by Government on the above demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been requesting for increase in allocation of rice.

(b) Allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu is presently maintained at the level of 50,000 tonnes a month.

Distribution of feature films

409. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to nationalise the distribution of feature films produced in India; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): No, Sir.

Expansion of AIR and T.V. Network

410. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand AIR & T.V. network during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the expansion network drawn up for implementation